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State, County and MSA Unemployment Report

Indiana's March Unemployment Rate Falls to 4.9 Percent

INDIANAPOLIS (April 25, 2006) – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development today released March and February unemployment figures for the state, all 92 counties and metropolitan statistical areas.

Indiana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2006 was 4.9 percent, down from 5.5 percent in March 2005, and down from 5.1 percent in February 2006. Nationally, the unemployment rate also decreased, from 4.8 percent in February 2006 to 4.7 percent in March 2006.

"Compared to this time last year, 75,000 more Hoosiers are employed," said Ron Stiver, Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development.

Seasonally Adjusted:

Indiana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March was 4.9 percent, down two-tenths of a percentage point from last month's 5.1 percent. The rate for the U.S. for March 2006 was 4.7 percent, down from 4.8 percent one month earlier.

For the month of March, Indiana's Midwest neighbors reported the following seasonally adjusted unemployment rates: Kentucky, 6.0 percent; Illinois, 5.1 percent; Ohio, 5.0 percent; Michigan, 6.8 percent.

For the month of March, the state's estimated seasonally adjusted labor force total was 3,261,100. The number of Hoosier workers employed during March was 3,099,800 and the number of unemployed Hoosiers during March was 161,300. February data marked Indiana's labor total at 3,273,800 with 3,105,500 employed and 168,300 unemployed.

Non-Seasonally Adjusted:

Using the same data and reporting non-seasonally adjusted employment trends, Indiana's March non-seasonal adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, which is down five-tenths of a percentage point from one year ago, when it was 5.9, and down four-tenths of a percentage point from one month ago, when it was 5.8 percent.

The U.S. non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8 percent for the month of March, down three-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month and down six-tenths of a percentage point from a year ago. Of Indiana's neighboring states reporting non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates, Kentucky's rate was 6.4 percent and Illinois' rate was 5.4 percent. Ohio reported an unemployment rate of 5.3 percent, while Michigan's rate was reported to be 7.5 percent.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve worker skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 26 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor

market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

For more information on Indiana's unemployment rate, contact the department at 1-888-WorkOne, or visit the website at www.workforce.IN.gov.

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Note to Media: The U.S. Department of Labor is no longer making monthly revisions to this data, so it is no longer appropriate to call these estimates "preliminary." Instead, the federal government will revise this data on a yearly basis. These revisions will take place early the following calendar year.

Technical Notes:

- In calculating unemployment rates, two different types of numbers are provided. The first, known as the *non-seasonally adjusted rate*, estimates employment and unemployment without taking into account the effects of seasonal trends. In calculating the *seasonally adjusted rate*, or employment that follows more or less a regular pattern each year, holiday, summer and other types of seasonal employment is factored out of the estimate. These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other non-seasonal movements.
- Compiled in conjunction with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the State's unemployment rate is derived from a national survey of about 60,000 households. Of that number approximately 1,300 Indiana households are polled each month.
- The Household survey that calculates the unemployment rate is conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and is conducted during the week of the 12th of the month.
- Labor force is calculated as the number of people 16 years of age and older who were able and available to work.

INDIANA VS. U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Seasonally Adjusted

Indiana	<i>March, 2006</i>	<i>February, 2006</i>	<i>January, 2006</i>	<i>March, 2005</i>
Labor Force	3,261,100	3,273,800	3,260,700	3,200,300
Employed	3,099,800	3,105,500	3,106,800	3,024,800
Unemployed	161,300	168,300	153,900	175,500
Rate	4.9	5.1	4.7	5.5
 U.S.				
Rate	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.1

Non-Seasonally Adjusted

Indiana	<i>March, 2006</i>	<i>February, 2006</i>	<i>March, 2005</i>
Labor Force	3,238,300	3,236,800	3,171,400
Employed	3,063,600	3,048,600	2,984,100
Unemployed	174,700	188,200	187,300
Rate	5.4	5.8	5.9
U.S.			
Rate	4.8	5.1	5.4

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

CPS BENCHMARK: 2005

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EMPLOYMENT BENCHMARK: 2005

THESE ESTIMATES ARE PREPARED IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (BLS) AND HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) FOR USE IN ALLOCATING FEDERAL FUNDS. BECAUSE OF IRREGULAR FLUCTUATIONS IN MONTH TO MONTH CHANGES, THE READER SHOULD USE CAUTION WHEN VIEWING THESE ESTIMATES AS INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC CHANGE.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>	Seasonally Adjusted <u>RATE</u>
U.S.					
March 2006	150,027,000	142,772,000	7,255,000	4.8	4.7
February 2006	149,686,000	141,994,000	7,692,000	5.1	4.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	147,745,000	139,759,000	7,986,000	5.4	5.1
INDIANA					
March 2006	3,238,300	3,063,600	174,700	5.4	4.9
February 2006	3,236,800	3,048,600	188,200	5.8	5.1
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	3,171,400	2,984,100	187,300	5.9	5.5
<u>METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS</u>					
ANDERSON MSA					
March 2006	64,400	60,130	4,270	6.6	
February 2006	64,570	59,900	4,670	7.2	
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	63,160	58,760	4,400	7.0	
BLOOMINGTON MSA					
March 2006	96,720	91,920	4,800	5.0	
February 2006	97,180	91,890	5,290	5.4	
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	95,390	90,230	5,160	5.4	
COLUMBUS MSA					
March 2006	37,940	36,100	1,840	4.8	
February 2006	37,790	35,790	2,000	5.3	
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	36,890	34,960	1,930	5.2	
ELKHART-GOSHEN MSA					
March 2006	102,640	98,010	4,630	4.5	
February 2006	102,600	97,590	5,010	4.9	
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	100,110	95,390	4,720	4.7	
EVANSVILLE MSA					
March 2006	183,910	174,960	8,950	4.9	
February 2006	183,770	173,880	9,890	5.4	
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	181,320	171,630	9,690	5.3	
FORT WAYNE MSA					
March 2006	214,520	203,390	11,130	5.2	
February 2006	214,480	201,210	13,270	6.2	
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	208,230	196,170	12,060	5.8	
GARY					
March 2006	334,620	313,560	21,060	6.3	
February 2006	333,430	312,860	20,570	6.2	
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	324,920	303,960	20,960	6.5	
INDIANAPOLIS-CARMEL MSA					
March 2006	881,530	840,110	41,420	4.7	
February 2006	880,390	836,000	44,390	5.0	
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	864,510	818,940	45,570	5.3	
KOKOMO MSA					
March 2006	47,160	43,860	3,300	7.0	
February 2006	47,140	43,590	3,550	7.5	
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	47,190	43,960	3,230	6.8	
LAFAYETTE MSA					
March 2006	96,660	92,260	4,400	4.6	
February 2006	97,010	92,200	4,810	5.0	
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	93,270	88,480	4,790	5.1	
MICHIGAN CITY MSA					
March 2006	54,510	50,980	3,530	6.5	
February 2006	54,420	50,630	3,790	7.0	
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	52,580	48,910	3,670	7.0	

<u>AREA</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
MUNCIE MSA				
March 2006	56,110	52,520	3,590	6.4
February 2006	56,570	52,520	4,050	7.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	56,320	52,010	4,310	7.7
SOUTH BEND MSA				
March 2006	166,010	157,050	8,960	5.4
February 2006	166,230	156,800	9,430	5.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	161,450	152,410	9,040	5.6
TERRE HAUTE MSA				
March 2006	81,940	76,460	5,480	6.7
February 2006	82,290	76,420	5,870	7.1
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	80,600	74,530	6,070	7.5
<u>COUNTIES</u>				
ADAMS				
March 2006	16,690	15,880	810	4.8
February 2006	16,690	15,800	890	5.3
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	16,520	15,630	890	5.4
ALLEN (FORT WAYNE MSA)				
March 2006	181,580	172,070	9,510	5.2
February 2006	181,500	170,240	11,260	6.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	176,200	165,970	10,230	5.8
BARTHOLOMEW (COLUMBUS MSA)				
March 2006	37,940	36,100	1,840	4.8
February 2006	37,790	35,790	2,000	5.3
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	36,890	34,960	1,930	5.2
BENTON (LAFAYETTE MSA)				
March 2006	4,830	4,570	260	5.4
February 2006	4,860	4,565	295	6.1
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	4,655	4,385	270	5.8
BLACKFORD				
March 2006	6,910	6,440	470	6.8
February 2006	6,970	6,430	540	7.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	6,810	6,270	540	7.9
BOONE (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
March 2006	27,050	25,920	1,130	4.2
February 2006	27,010	25,790	1,220	4.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	26,440	25,270	1,170	4.4
BROWN (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
March 2006	8,245	7,725	520	6.3
February 2006	8,265	7,685	580	7.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	8,100	7,530	570	7.0
CARROLL (LAFAYETTE MSA)				
March 2006	10,910	10,290	620	5.7
February 2006	10,920	10,280	640	5.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	10,500	9,870	630	6.0
CASS				
March 2006	19,460	18,290	1,170	6.0
February 2006	19,370	18,110	1,260	6.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	19,230	17,990	1,240	6.4
CLARK (LOUISVILLE MSA)				
March 2006	53,650	50,790	2,860	5.3
February 2006	53,600	50,600	3,000	5.6
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	52,390	49,450	2,940	5.6
CLAY (TERRE HAUTE MSA)				
March 2006	13,370	12,600	770	5.8
February 2006	13,430	12,590	840	6.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	13,270	12,280	990	7.5
CLINTON				
March 2006	17,330	16,330	1,000	5.8
February 2006	17,180	16,130	1,050	6.1
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	16,900	15,860	1,040	6.2

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CRAWFORD				
March 2006	5,590	5,110	480	8.6
February 2006	5,615	5,075	540	9.6
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	5,465	5,000	465	8.5
DAVIESS				
March 2006	15,100	14,510	590	3.9
February 2006	14,990	14,320	670	4.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	14,760	14,120	640	4.3
DEARBORN (CINCINNATI MSA)				
March 2006	26,490	25,130	1,360	5.1
February 2006	26,590	25,040	1,550	5.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	25,950	24,430	1,520	5.9
DECATUR				
March 2006	12,850	12,240	610	4.7
February 2006	12,740	12,050	690	5.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	12,640	11,930	710	5.6
DEKALB				
March 2006	22,210	20,850	1,360	6.1
February 2006	22,220	20,680	1,540	6.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	21,750	20,370	1,380	6.3
DELAWARE (MUNCIE MSA)				
March 2006	56,110	52,520	3,590	6.4
February 2006	56,570	52,520	4,050	7.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	56,320	52,010	4,310	7.7
DUBOIS				
March 2006	22,450	21,560	890	4.0
February 2006	22,330	21,350	980	4.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	22,040	21,180	860	3.9
ELKHART (ELKHART-GOSHEN)				
March 2006	102,640	98,010	4,630	4.5
February 2006	102,600	97,590	5,010	4.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	100,110	95,390	4,720	4.7
FAYETTE				
March 2006	11,860	10,950	910	7.7
February 2006	11,850	10,880	970	8.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	11,720	10,710	1,010	8.7
FLOYD (LOUISVILLE MSA)				
March 2006	37,800	35,770	2,030	5.4
February 2006	37,710	35,630	2,080	5.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	36,950	34,820	2,130	5.8
FOUNTAIN				
March 2006	8,930	8,450	480	5.4
February 2006	8,915	8,395	520	5.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	8,735	8,190	545	6.3
FRANKLIN (CINCINNATI MSA)				
March 2006	12,130	11,370	760	6.2
February 2006	12,190	11,330	860	7.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	11,880	11,050	830	7.0
FULTON				
March 2006	10,510	9,910	600	5.7
February 2006	10,630	9,970	660	6.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	10,340	9,640	700	6.8
GIBSON (EVANSVILLE MSA)				
March 2006	17,330	16,580	750	4.3
February 2006	17,360	16,500	860	5.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	17,130	16,240	890	5.2
GRANT				
March 2006	33,670	31,220	2,450	7.3
February 2006	33,940	31,290	2,650	7.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	33,650	30,530	3,120	9.3

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GREENE (BLOOMINGTON MSA)				
March 2006	17,010	15,960	1,050	6.2
February 2006	17,170	15,960	1,210	7.1
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	16,870	15,670	1,200	7.1
HAMILTON (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
March 2006	127,710	123,700	4,010	3.1
February 2006	127,410	123,100	4,310	3.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	124,710	120,590	4,120	3.3
HANCOCK (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
March 2006	33,900	32,380	1,520	4.5
February 2006	33,800	32,220	1,580	4.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	33,080	31,560	1,520	4.6
HARRISON (LOUISVILLE MSA)				
March 2006	19,580	18,390	1,190	6.1
February 2006	19,570	18,330	1,240	6.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	19,200	17,910	1,290	6.7
HENDRICKS (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
March 2006	68,220	65,720	2,500	3.7
February 2006	68,110	65,390	2,720	4.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	66,840	64,050	2,790	4.2
HENRY				
March 2006	23,220	21,780	1,440	6.2
February 2006	23,390	21,770	1,620	6.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	23,220	21,460	1,760	7.6
HOWARD (KOKOMO MSA)				
March 2006	39,010	36,200	2,810	7.2
February 2006	39,010	35,980	3,030	7.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	38,970	36,290	2,680	6.9
HUNTINGTON				
March 2006	20,910	19,840	1,070	5.1
February 2006	21,120	19,660	1,460	6.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	20,500	19,200	1,300	6.4
JACKSON				
March 2006	22,230	21,200	1,030	4.6
February 2006	22,120	21,020	1,100	5.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	22,010	20,890	1,120	5.1
JASPER (GARY)				
March 2006	15,500	14,540	960	6.2
February 2006	15,550	14,500	1,050	6.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	15,180	14,090	1,090	7.2
JAY				
March 2006	11,830	11,230	600	5.1
February 2006	11,710	11,050	660	5.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	11,540	10,850	690	6.0
JEFFERSON				
March 2006	17,570	16,700	870	4.9
February 2006	17,540	16,610	930	5.3
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	17,290	16,300	990	5.7
JENNINGS				
March 2006	14,140	13,210	930	6.6
February 2006	14,080	13,070	1,010	7.1
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	13,900	12,860	1,040	7.5
JOHNSON (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
March 2006	69,730	66,870	2,860	4.1
February 2006	69,620	66,540	3,080	4.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	68,420	65,180	3,240	4.7
KNOX				
March 2006	19,520	18,600	920	4.7
February 2006	19,520	18,460	1,060	5.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	19,150	18,140	1,010	5.3

<u>AREA</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
KOSCIUSKO				
March 2006	41,980	40,000	1,980	4.7
February 2006	41,760	39,690	2,070	5.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	40,550	38,530	2,020	5.0
LAGRANGE				
March 2006	17,450	16,550	900	5.1
February 2006	17,310	16,350	960	5.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	16,980	16,080	900	5.3
LAKE (GARY)				
March 2006	230,170	214,770	15,400	6.7
February 2006	228,930	214,290	14,640	6.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	223,230	208,190	15,040	6.7
LA PORTE (MICHIGAN CITY MSA)				
March 2006	54,510	50,980	3,530	6.5
February 2006	54,420	50,630	3,790	7.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	52,580	48,910	3,670	7.0
LAWRENCE				
March 2006	22,660	20,880	1,780	7.8
February 2006	22,510	20,660	1,850	8.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	22,500	20,740	1,760	7.8
MADISON (ANDERSON MSA)				
March 2006	64,400	60,130	4,270	6.6
February 2006	64,570	59,900	4,670	7.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	63,160	58,760	4,400	7.0
MARION (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
March 2006	466,950	442,250	24,700	5.3
February 2006	466,340	440,090	26,250	5.6
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	458,550	431,110	27,440	6.0
MARSHALL				
March 2006	22,960	21,710	1,250	5.4
February 2006	22,910	21,590	1,320	5.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	22,490	21,150	1,340	5.9
MARTIN				
March 2006	5,060	4,750	310	6.1
February 2006	5,050	4,720	330	6.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	5,105	4,810	295	5.8
MIAMI				
March 2006	17,600	16,500	1,100	6.3
February 2006	17,480	16,290	1,190	6.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	17,330	16,170	1,160	6.7
MONROE (BLOOMINGTON MSA)				
March 2006	67,640	64,580	3,060	4.5
February 2006	67,860	64,550	3,310	4.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	66,560	63,400	3,160	4.7
MONTGOMERY				
March 2006	19,870	18,970	900	4.5
February 2006	19,970	19,010	960	4.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	19,480	18,500	980	5.0
MORGAN (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
March 2006	37,820	35,830	1,990	5.3
February 2006	37,820	35,650	2,170	5.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	37,040	34,920	2,120	5.7
NEWTON (GARY)				
March 2006	7,230	6,820	410	5.7
February 2006	7,245	6,810	435	6.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	7,035	6,610	425	6.0
NOBLE				
March 2006	23,850	22,390	1,460	6.1
February 2006	23,820	22,160	1,660	7.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	23,550	22,040	1,510	6.4

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OHIO (CINCINNATI MSA)				
March 2006	3,175	3,025	150	4.7
February 2006	3,210	3,020	190	6.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	3,105	2,945	160	5.2
ORANGE				
March 2006	9,535	8,705	830	8.7
February 2006	9,675	8,810	865	8.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	9,230	8,445	785	8.5
OWEN (BLOOMINGTON MSA)				
March 2006	12,070	11,380	690	5.7
February 2006	12,150	11,380	770	6.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	11,970	11,170	800	6.7
PARKE				
March 2006	8,050	7,545	505	6.3
February 2006	8,035	7,480	555	6.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	7,965	7,350	615	7.7
PERRY				
March 2006	9,865	9,330	535	5.4
February 2006	9,830	9,195	635	6.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	9,565	9,020	545	5.7
PIKE				
March 2006	6,280	5,990	290	4.6
February 2006	6,265	5,935	330	5.3
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	6,275	5,885	390	6.2
PORTER (GARY)				
March 2006	81,720	77,420	4,300	5.3
February 2006	81,710	77,260	4,450	5.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	79,470	75,050	4,420	5.6
POSEY (EVANSVILLE MSA)				
March 2006	14,030	13,410	620	4.4
February 2006	14,050	13,350	700	4.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	13,840	13,140	700	5.1
PULASKI				
March 2006	7,070	6,710	360	5.1
February 2006	7,005	6,610	395	5.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	6,920	6,525	395	5.7
PUTNAM (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
March 2006	17,800	16,850	950	5.3
February 2006	17,870	16,760	1,110	6.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	17,690	16,420	1,270	7.2
RANDOLPH				
March 2006	13,220	12,240	980	7.4
February 2006	13,270	12,130	1,140	8.6
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	13,150	12,030	1,120	8.5
RIPLEY				
March 2006	15,050	14,290	760	5.1
February 2006	14,920	14,100	820	5.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	14,790	13,930	860	5.8
RUSH				
March 2006	9,710	9,235	475	4.9
February 2006	9,635	9,095	540	5.6
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	9,430	8,950	480	5.1
SAINT JOSEPH (SOUTH BEND MSA)				
March 2006	137,340	129,960	7,380	5.4
February 2006	137,530	129,730	7,800	5.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	133,720	126,160	7,560	5.7
SCOTT				
March 2006	11,610	10,820	790	6.8
February 2006	11,530	10,710	820	7.1
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	11,320	10,580	740	6.6

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SHELBY (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
March 2006	24,110	22,880	1,230	5.1
February 2006	24,160	22,770	1,390	5.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	23,640	22,310	1,330	5.6
SPENCER				
March 2006	10,600	9,980	620	5.8
February 2006	10,510	9,840	670	6.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	10,410	9,720	690	6.6
STARKE				
March 2006	10,840	10,010	830	7.6
February 2006	10,790	9,910	880	8.1
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	10,560	9,720	840	7.9
STEUBEN				
March 2006	17,160	16,010	1,150	6.7
February 2006	17,160	15,930	1,230	7.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	16,780	15,630	1,150	6.8
SULLIVAN (TERRE HAUTE MSA)				
March 2006	9,380	8,770	610	6.5
February 2006	9,470	8,760	710	7.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	9,310	8,550	760	8.2
SWITZERLAND				
March 2006	5,775	5,520	255	4.5
February 2006	5,780	5,500	280	4.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	5,645	5,370	275	4.9
TIPPECANOE (LAFAYETTE MSA)				
March 2006	80,920	77,400	3,520	4.4
February 2006	81,230	77,350	3,880	4.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	78,120	74,230	3,890	5.0
TIPTON (KOKOMO MSA)				
March 2006	8,150	7,665	485	6.0
February 2006	8,135	7,615	520	6.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	8,225	7,680	545	6.6
UNION				
March 2006	3,925	3,680	245	6.3
February 2006	3,915	3,650	265	6.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	3,780	3,540	240	6.4
VANDERBURGH (EVANSVILLE MSA)				
March 2006	92,170	87,610	4,560	4.9
February 2006	92,200	87,230	4,970	5.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	90,860	85,860	5,000	5.5
VERMILLION (TERRE HAUTE MSA)				
March 2006	8,200	7,615	585	7.1
February 2006	8,265	7,605	660	8.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	8,100	7,420	680	8.4
VIGO (TERRE HAUTE MSA)				
March 2006	50,990	47,480	3,510	6.9
February 2006	51,120	47,450	3,670	7.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	49,920	46,280	3,640	7.3
WABASH				
March 2006	17,790	16,740	1,050	5.9
February 2006	17,640	16,510	1,130	6.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	17,390	16,250	1,140	6.5
WARREN				
March 2006	4,930	4,715	215	4.4
February 2006	4,920	4,685	235	4.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	4,760	4,530	230	4.8
WARRICK (EVANSVILLE MSA)				
March 2006	30,330	29,030	1,300	4.3
February 2006	30,340	28,900	1,440	4.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	29,940	28,450	1,490	5.0

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WASHINGTON (LOUISVILLE MSA)				
March 2006	14,370	13,310	1,060	7.4
February 2006	14,330	13,270	1,060	7.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	13,960	12,960	1,000	7.1
WAYNE				
March 2006	33,260	31,040	2,220	6.7
February 2006	33,590	31,180	2,410	7.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	33,280	30,720	2,560	7.7
WELLS (FORT WAYNE MSA)				
March 2006	15,070	14,380	690	4.6
February 2006	15,170	14,230	940	6.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	14,690	13,870	820	5.6
WHITE				
March 2006	12,090	11,350	740	6.1
February 2006	12,080	11,260	820	6.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	11,920	11,080	840	7.0
WHITLEY (FORT WAYNE MSA)				
March 2006	17,870	16,940	930	5.2
February 2006	17,820	16,760	1,060	6.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	17,340	16,330	1,010	5.8
<u>CITIES (Population over 25,000)</u>				
ANDERSON CITY				
March 2006	27,930	25,940	1,990	7.1
February 2006	27,990	25,840	2,150	7.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	27,440	25,350	2,090	7.6
BLOOMINGTON CITY				
March 2006	37,160	35,550	1,610	4.3
February 2006	37,260	35,540	1,720	4.6
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	36,510	34,900	1,610	4.4
CARMEL CITY				
March 2006	30,480	29,770	710	2.3
February 2006	30,330	29,620	710	2.3
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	29,690	29,020	670	2.3
COLUMBUS CITY				
March 2006	19,760	18,800	960	4.8
February 2006	19,660	18,640	1,020	5.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	19,220	18,210	1,010	5.2
EAST CHICAGO CITY				
March 2006	10,920	9,910	1,010	9.2
February 2006	10,840	9,900	940	8.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	10,720	9,620	1,100	10.3
ELKHART CITY				
March 2006	26,420	24,960	1,460	5.5
February 2006	26,500	24,850	1,650	6.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	25,880	24,290	1,590	6.1
EVANSVILLE CITY				
March 2006	60,620	57,200	3,420	5.6
February 2006	60,620	56,950	3,670	6.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	59,780	56,050	3,730	6.2
FISHERS TOWN				
March 2006	32,880	32,090	790	2.4
February 2006	32,790	31,930	860	2.6
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	32,060	31,270	790	2.5
FORT WAYNE CITY				
March 2006	113,650	107,310	6,340	5.6
February 2006	113,320	106,160	7,160	6.3
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	110,190	103,510	6,680	6.1
GARY CITY				
March 2006	37,320	34,340	2,980	8.0
February 2006	37,140	34,260	2,880	7.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	36,290	33,280	3,010	8.3

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GOSHEN CITY				
March 2006	15,960	15,250	710	4.4
February 2006	15,930	15,190	740	4.6
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	15,570	14,860	710	4.6
GREENWOOD CITY				
March 2006	23,330	22,350	980	4.2
February 2006	23,280	22,240	1,040	4.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	22,900	21,790	1,110	4.9
HAMMOND CITY				
March 2006	35,830	32,900	2,930	8.2
February 2006	35,490	32,830	2,660	7.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	34,750	31,900	2,850	8.2
HOBART CITY				
March 2006	14,070	13,160	910	6.5
February 2006	14,040	13,130	910	6.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	13,700	12,760	940	6.9
INDIANAPOLIS CITY (CONS)				
March 2006	428,390	405,780	22,610	5.3
February 2006	427,820	403,800	24,020	5.6
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	420,680	395,560	25,120	6.0
INDIANAPOLIS CITY (CORE)				
March 2006	423,170	400,980	22,190	5.2
February 2006	422,580	399,010	23,570	5.6
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	415,710	390,880	24,830	6.0
JEFFERSONVILLE CITY				
March 2006	15,090	14,300	790	5.3
February 2006	15,060	14,250	810	5.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	14,770	13,920	850	5.7
KOKOMO CITY				
March 2006	21,230	19,400	1,830	8.6
February 2006	21,250	19,280	1,970	9.3
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	21,180	19,450	1,730	8.2
LAFAYETTE CITY				
March 2006	33,510	31,870	1,640	4.9
February 2006	33,640	31,850	1,790	5.3
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	32,370	30,570	1,800	5.5
LAWRENCE TOWN				
March 2006	23,050	22,000	1,050	4.6
February 2006	23,010	21,890	1,120	4.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	22,550	21,440	1,110	4.9
MARION CITY				
March 2006	13,340	12,210	1,130	8.5
February 2006	13,440	12,240	1,200	8.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	13,310	11,950	1,360	10.2
MERRILLVILLE TOWN				
March 2006	16,520	15,440	1,080	6.5
February 2006	16,380	15,410	970	5.9
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	15,900	14,970	930	5.9
MICHIGAN CITY CITY				
March 2006	15,040	13,940	1,100	7.3
February 2006	15,010	13,850	1,160	7.7
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	14,450	13,370	1,080	7.4
MISHAWAKA CITY				
March 2006	26,870	25,520	1,350	5.0
February 2006	26,920	25,480	1,440	5.3
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	26,110	24,780	1,330	5.1
MUNCIE CITY				
March 2006	31,060	28,940	2,120	6.8
February 2006	31,280	28,940	2,340	7.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	31,090	28,660	2,430	7.8
NEW ALBANY CITY				
March 2006	18,660	17,460	1,200	6.4
February 2006	18,610	17,400	1,210	6.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	18,190	17,000	1,190	6.5

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NOBLESVILLE CITY				
March 2006	19,600	18,780	820	4.2
February 2006	19,620	18,680	940	4.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	19,130	18,300	830	4.3
PORTAGE CITY				
March 2006	17,940	16,840	1,100	6.1
February 2006	17,920	16,800	1,120	6.3
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	17,420	16,320	1,100	6.3
RICHMOND CITY				
March 2006	17,200	16,040	1,160	6.7
February 2006	17,370	16,120	1,250	7.2
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	17,220	15,890	1,330	7.7
SCHERERVILLE TOWN				
March 2006	15,490	14,780	710	4.6
February 2006	15,440	14,760	680	4.4
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	15,020	14,330	690	4.6
SOUTH BEND CITY				
March 2006	49,830	46,740	3,090	6.2
February 2006	49,920	46,650	3,270	6.5
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	48,530	45,370	3,160	6.5
TERRE HAUTE CITY				
March 2006	26,910	24,880	2,030	7.6
February 2006	26,980	24,860	2,120	7.8
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	26,250	24,240	2,010	7.7
VALPARAISO CITY				
March 2006	15,190	14,440	750	4.9
February 2006	15,180	14,410	770	5.1
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	14,780	14,000	780	5.3
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY				
March 2006	14,300	13,790	510	3.5
February 2006	14,360	13,780	580	4.0
March 2005 (Benchmarked)	13,790	13,230	560	4.1

NOTES: 1) UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

2) COUNTY DATA MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING.

3) ESTIMATES FOR THE LATEST YEAR ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION EARLY THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR.

*Starting with January 2005 data, new MSA definitions are used. These will be revised back to 2000

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RANK	AREA	RATE	RANK	AREA	RATE
1	ORANGE	8.7	47	FOUNTAIN	5.4
2	CRAWFORD	8.6	48	MARSHALL	5.4
3	LAWRENCE	7.8	49	PERRY	5.4
4	FAYETTE	7.7	50	SAINT JOSEPH	5.4
5	STARKE	7.6	51	CLARK	5.3
6	RANDOLPH	7.4	52	MARION	5.3
7	WASHINGTON	7.4	53	MORGAN	5.3
8	GRANT	7.3	54	PORTER	5.3
9	HOWARD	7.2	55	PUTNAM	5.3
10	VERMILLION	7.1	56	ALLEN	5.2
11	VIGO	6.9	57	WHITLEY	5.2
12	BLACKFORD	6.8	58	DEARBORN	5.1
13	SCOTT	6.8	59	HUNTINGTON	5.1
14	LAKE	6.7	60	JAY	5.1
15	STEUBEN	6.7	61	LAGRANGE	5.1
16	WAYNE	6.7	62	PULASKI	5.1
17	JENNINGS	6.6	63	RIPLEY	5.1
18	MADISON	6.6	64	SHELBY	5.1
19	LAPORTE	6.5	65	JEFFERSON	4.9
20	SULLIVAN	6.5	66	RUSH	4.9
21	DELAWARE	6.4	67	VANDERBURGH	4.9
22	BROWN	6.3	68	ADAMS	4.8
23	MIAMI	6.3	69	BARTHOLOMEW	4.8
24	PARKE	6.3	70	DECATUR	4.7
25	UNION	6.3	71	KNOX	4.7
26	FRANKLIN	6.2	72	KOSCIUSKO	4.7
27	GREENE	6.2	73	OHIO	4.7
28	HENRY	6.2	74	JACKSON	4.6
29	JASPER	6.2	75	PIKE	4.6
30	DEKALB	6.1	76	WELLS	4.6
31	HARRISON	6.1	77	ELKHART	4.5
32	MARTIN	6.1	78	HANCOCK	4.5
33	NOBLE	6.1	79	MONROE	4.5
34	WHITE	6.1	80	MONTGOMERY	4.5
35	CASS	6.0	81	SWITZERLAND	4.5
36	TIPTON	6.0	82	POSEY	4.4
37	WABASH	5.9	83	TIPPECANOE	4.4
38	CLAY	5.8	84	WARREN	4.4
39	CLINTON	5.8	85	GIBSON	4.3
40	SPENCER	5.8	86	WARRICK	4.3
41	CARROLL	5.7	87	BOONE	4.2
42	FULTON	5.7	88	JOHNSON	4.1
43	NEWTON	5.7	89	DUBOIS	4.0
44	OWEN	5.7	90	DAVISS	3.9
45	BENTON	5.4	91	HENDRICKS	3.7
46	FLOYD	5.4	92	HAMILTON	3.1
				INDIANA	5.4

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